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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references listed below.

WO 00/49437 A1;
DE 196 21 112 A1;
EP 0 805 365 A2;
WO 98/18031 A1; and

E. Fertein et al. "*Shifts in Resonance Wavelengths of Bragg Gratings during Writing or Bleaching Experiments by UV Illumination within Germanosilicate Optical Fibre*" 26 September 1991, Pages 1838-1839, Electronic Letters.

These references, along with Form PTO-1449, are submitted within three (3) months from the issuance of the European Search Report in a related application to the above referenced application and therefore, Applicants believe there is no fee associated with this filing.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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